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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the compulsory school attendance age and
2 providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1326HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.
1 4 ~~* Except as provided in section 299.2, a child who has~~
1 5 reached the age of six and is under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of
1 6 age by September 15 is of compulsory attendance age. However,
1 7 if a child enrolled in a school district or accredited
1 8 nonpublic school reaches the age of ~~sixteen~~ eighteen on or
1 9 after September 15, the child remains of compulsory age until
1 10 the end of the regular school calendar.
1 11 Sec. 2. Section 299.2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2007,
1 12 is amended to read as follows:
1 13 ~~Section~~ Sections 299.1 and 299.1A shall not apply to any
1 14 child:
1 15 Sec. 3. Section 299A.8, Code 2007, is amended to read as
1 16 follows:
1 17 299A.8 DUAL ENROLLMENT.
1 18 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child who is
1 19 receiving competent private instruction under this chapter ~~or~~
~~20 a child over compulsory age who is receiving private~~
~~21 instruction~~ submits a request, the child shall also be
1 22 registered in a public school for dual enrollment purposes.
1 23 If the child is enrolled in a public school district for dual
1 24 enrollment purposes, the child shall be permitted to
1 25 participate in any academic activities in the district and
1 26 shall also be permitted to participate on the same basis as
1 27 public school children in any extracurricular activities
1 28 available to children in the child's grade or group, and the
1 29 parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not be required to
1 30 pay the costs of any annual evaluation under this chapter. If
1 31 the child is enrolled for dual enrollment purposes, the child
1 32 shall be included in the public school's basic enrollment
1 33 under section 257.6. A pupil who is participating only in
1 34 extracurricular activities shall be counted under section
1 35 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "f". A pupil enrolled in
2 1 grades nine through twelve under this section shall be counted
2 2 in the same manner as a shared-time pupil under section 257.6,
2 3 subsection 1, paragraph "c".
2 4 Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
2 5 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
2 6 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
2 7 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
2 8 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
2 9 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
2 10 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
2 11 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
2 12 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
2 13 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.
2 14 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 15 2008.

EXPLANATION

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2 17 This bill raises the compulsory school attendance age from
2 18 16 to 18 years of age. The bill includes technical amendments
2 19 to eliminate a reference to the compulsory attendance age for
2 20 purposes of dual enrollment and to exempt children who meet

2 21 conditions existing in Code section 299.2.
2 22 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
2 23 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
2 24 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
2 25 district from state school foundation aid received by the
2 26 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
2 27 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
2 28 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
2 29 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
2 30 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
2 31 state mandates included in the bill.
2 32 The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.
2 33 LSB 1326HH 82
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